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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment ranged from steady at best in the East to weak on whole turkeys. Fresh demand light to sometimes fair with some processors noting activity below year ago comparisons while others are sold out. Frozen demand and trading light. Fresh offerings ranged from short to ample, mostly light to adequate for holiday needs. Frozen offerings ranged from sometimes short in the East to readily available for the limited buyer interest in other parts of the country as processors attempt to move inventories before year-end. Bulk meat trading centered on light volumes of white meat items. Offerings of fresh tom breast meat continued to be reported at lower trending price levels. Rib breast trading light on plant grade 4-8 lb. sizes.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading light and centered on frozen thigh meat. Some improved inquiry and trading was noted from Mexico as some buyers report the release of new permits. Export inquiry is reported as improved on tom drums at the 24 cent price level.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **DECEMBER 12, 2000**

#### CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

#### FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/

#### OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-76	75-76	75.33	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-73	70	70.00	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-72	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-67	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 12 DECEMBER 2000.

Trading continues to be slow to develop. Demand continues to be mixed and varies from region to region. The first major winter storm in the Midwest disrupting some scheduling and transportation. Offerings more than sufficient for current needs. The market tone on parts generally steady with a weaker undertone. Export to Mexico slow, as most permits have expired and new permits have not been awarded. Export sales have been light and limited to 1 container of livers and frozen hens and toms to the border.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		R	100.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	360
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		F	95.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	23.00		23.00	22
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	25.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	25.31	127
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	26.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	45.00		45.00	22
NECKS, TOM	22.00		22.00	18
NECKS, HEN	16.00		16.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	150.00		150.00	200
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	161.00-162.00		161.50	160
THIGH MEAT		T	73.00	2
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		F	70.50	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		M	118.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		R	138.00	8
DESTRAPPED TENDERS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH		F	161.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	58.50	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	18.50-19.00		18.79	760

#### EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	M	24.50	416
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	M	20.50	52
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	R	25.50	468
TAILS	M	22.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	F	24.00	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	M	72.50	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	96-111
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	104-111
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	81-86
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	73-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	74-83

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	88-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	87-125
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	92-129

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 13 DECEMBER 2000.

Trading improving slightly but at weaker levels. Demand in a full range. Major winter storm in the Midwest disrupting schedules and transportation. Supplies more than sufficient for current needs. The trade sentiment on parts and meats steady to weak overall. Export sales have been generally light with a moderate volume of thigh meat going to the border as some new permits have been released.

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BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	154.00	360
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	95.00		95.00	280
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		T	23.00	22
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		F	25.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	25.31	127
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	26.00	12
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	27.00	6
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		T	45.00	22
NECKS, TOM	21.00		21.00	40
NECKS, HEN		T	16.00	14
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	148.00-153.00		149.25	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	162.00-166.00		164.38	260
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	71.00		71.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT	118.00		118.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT				
TENDERLOINS		R	138.00	8
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	148.00		148.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	159.50		159.50	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	59.00		59.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	24.00		24.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	18.79	760

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TAILS	23.00		23.00	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	24.00	156
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	72.00-74.00		73.78	360

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#### BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 12/13/00

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD	ACCUMULATED		
SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2000-2001	7,634	163,684	163,934
1999-2000	23,700	181,700	182,050